

ARCTIC EXPLORER'S NEW SHIP LAUNCHED

Schooner Bowdoin Built for
MacMillan and Party, Is
Strong Vessel.

WHALE OIL FOR ENGINE

Expedition Expected to Start
in July. Will Be Gone at
Least Two Years.

EAST BOOTHBAY, Me., April 9.—The schooner Bowdoin, built to carry Donald B. MacMillan, the explorer, on his next Arctic voyage starting in July, was launched at noon today from the shipyard of Hodgdon Brothers, here. In design and construction the Bowdoin embodies all elements of special provision for the work ahead of her suggested by the long experience of MacMillan, who was the chief lieutenant of Peary in his successful expedition to the North Pole. Her hull is described by the explorer as egg shaped, with nothing to which ice can cling. Under sufficient pressure from the ice floes the Bowdoin instead of being crushed should lift out of the water and be carried along with the pack. Conversely the explorer says that if she rolls up on the ice she will as safely slip back when the pressure is relieved through the shifting of the floes. The bow has been built with a slope that will facilitate running up on the ice.

So confident is MacMillan of the schooner's ability to cope with the frozen channels of the Far North that he plans to pass through the dangerous Fury and Hecla straits on the west side of Baffin Land, where former expeditions have been lost or turned back. His plans include also either a return by the strait or the circumnavigation of Baffin Land, after exploring a stretch of 1,000 miles of its western shore on which it is believed no white man has ever set foot. It is said to be the longest strip of unexplored coast in the world.

The Bowdoin is of about the size of the Discovery. William Baffin's ship, which in 1616 was the first to reach Baffin Land. She is 80 feet 10 inches in length, 18 feet 7 inches beam and 8 feet 6 inches draft, with a total displacement of 115 tons. She is of the knockabout auxiliary schooner type, equipped with a 45 horse power crude oil burning engine, an installation which the explorer hopes will insure him a cruising radius virtually unlimited by the use of whale oil to supplement the regular fuel supply.

If the plan to use whale oil proves practicable, he says, the expedition will have a clear advantage over former

ones, as the fuel supply has always presented a serious problem in Arctic exploration plans. The schooner will have a generous spread of canvas to enable her to sail home when clear of ice, should the fuel supply give out.

The expedition is planned to cover two years, but may be prolonged if it is desired to carry the explorations and scientific investigations further. It will go under the auspices of the MacMillan Arctic Association, largely composed of alumni of Bowdoin College, from which MacMillan, as well as Peary, was graduated. The ship has cost \$25,000, and her equipment will add \$15,000 to this amount.

The party will consist, besides Dr. MacMillan, of an engineer, three scientists and a cook, all of whom will be carefully selected. The Bowdoin will remain at East Boothbay through May and a part of June for the finishing touches. She is to be completely stocked and provisioned by the last of June and will start north the first week in July.

HARVARD PLAYS WILL BE HERE APRIL 18-19

'47 Workshop' Actors to Appear in Morosco Theatre.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE NEW YORK HERALD.—CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 9.—Plans for the New York visit of the Harvard "47 Workshop," which is going "barnstorming" during the spring recess, have finally been completed. The tour embraces several other cities, but the most important stand is New York, where matinees are scheduled in the Morosco Theatre April 18 and 19.

The plays to be given were written by students of the "47 Workshop" and will be given under the direction of Prof. George P. Baker of Harvard's department of dramatic literature. The performers will be present and former students of the professor's courses, and all the designing, scene painting and lighting are the work of members of the "47 Workshop," which is the Harvard dramatic laboratory for trying out of plays still in the making.

On the afternoon of April 18 three one act plays will be given. These will be "Torches," a play of the Italian Renaissance by Kenneth Raisbeck, a senior in Harvard University; Miss Mercy, a sketch of New England sea folk, by Louise Bray, a former Radcliffe student; and "Cooks and Cardinals," a farce comedy of manners, by Norman Lindau, a Harvard graduate student.

On April 19 will be given an American comedy in three acts entitled "A Punch for Juddy," by Philip Barry, Yale '19, who was a graduate student at Harvard in 1919-20.

After the first performance on Monday, April 18, the board of managers of the Harvard Club will give a dinner in honor of Prof. Baker.

MARINE PLANES IN HAYTI

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The two Marine Corps airplanes flying from Washington to the Virgin Islands reached Port-au-Prince, Hayti, yesterday, the Navy Department was advised today. The next stop will be Santo Domingo City.



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